

Council at Spokane Falls.

The powwow between the representatives of the government and the northern Indians—the chiefs all sign articles of agreement to go on reservation—Number represented—Friendship expressed for the whites, etc.

Capt. M. C. Wilkinson of Gen. Howard's staff, and Col E. C. Watkins, Indian Inspector, returned from Lewiston last Saturday evening. To Capt. Wilkinson we are indebted for particulars of the recent council held with the northern Indians.

This council was held at Spokane Falls, on the 16th, 17th and 18th of last month. There were present Col. Watkins, Capt. Wilkinson, Gen. Frank Wheaton, and the Indian agents and missionaries. The following tribes were represented by their head men and chiefs:

Coeur d'Alene, numbering 450 Indians; chiefs present, Seltise, Stellarum and Quin a mo zi.

Upper Spokanes, numbering 383; chiefs, Baptiste Pieon, Seal halt, Bran cross.

Falls band Spokanes, numbering 200; chiefs, Spokane Garry, Three Mountain.

Lower Spokanes, numbering 318; chiefs, Whistle poot-sum, Quise me re Orapahen Ah-mi-meli-chin, Coste a-kan, Che as qui.

Pen d'Oreilles, numbering 250; chiefs, Victor and Semo.

Colville band of Pen d'Oreilles, numbering 61; chief, Qui qui tan e lash.

Okanagan, numbering 176; chiefs To-nas ket, Sus sap kan.

Colvilles, numbering 630; chiefs, Antonio seh he my, Kin kin no-wha, Qui-to-low, Charley.

Dreamers, numbering 200; chief, Sweip kan.

Palouse, numbering 50; chiefs, Oei else, Hush-hush pie-en.

Total number of Indians represented at the council, 2767.

After the formal opening of the council on the first day, Inspector Watkins addressed the Indians at considerable length. He told them that the policy of the government is, that Indians must have homes; that they must either become citizens by paying taxes, etc., or they must go upon the reservations provided for them. They will not be permitted to roam over the country. Those who have farms can, by declaring their purpose to become citizens keep them. Otherwise they must prepare to move very soon on the reservations.

Seltise, head chief of the Coeur d'Alenes, said that he was working to get a piece of land for himself and his children. He found that his best people belong to the church.

This is the chief, who, by the testimony of the whites in the Hangman creek country, sent his Indians to guard the fields and the homes of the settlers who had left them and gone to the barricades taking care of them until their return.

To nas ket, chief of the Okanagans, who spoke also for the Colvilles, said we have come to talk about the land we are going to get. If the government would give us a strip about six miles wide this side (east) of the Columbia river all the way from British Columbia to the Spokane river, that will be enough. As this strip of land was already set apart for them in the mind of Inspector Watkins, these tribes were perfectly satisfied, and so expressed themselves.

As the Coeur d'Alenes were already settled upon a reservation and perfectly satisfied with it, no further action was necessary in regard to them.

SIGNING ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.
As a result of the pow-wow, the following articles of agreement were drawn up and signed by the representatives of the government and the Indian chiefs:

IN COUNCIL AT SPOKANE FALLS
W. T., August 19, 1877.

We, the undersigned, chiefs and head

men of the Colville, Okanagan, San Poel and Lake bands of Indians for ourselves and our people, hereby agree to accept the present Colville reservation with the addition of a strip of land six (6) miles wide, lying east of the Columbia river and adjacent thereto extending from the British line on the north to the Homelin creek on the south (to be hereafter set apart for them as a part of their reservation.) to go upon the same, on or before the 1st day of October next and remain permanently with a view of cultivating the land and securing for ourselves future homes.

We do further agree to remain at peace with the whites, and hereby renew and express our friendship and firm determination to abide by the laws of the country, and obey the orders of the bureau of Indian affairs, and all officers of the same.

Names of witnesses—E. C. Watkins, U. S. Indian Inspector; Frank Wheaton, Bvt. Maj. General U. S. Army, Col. 2d Infantry; M. C. Wilkinson, Bvt. Captain U. S. Army, Aide de camp.

Tonasket, chief Okanagans; Scho ho my-muck, Kin kin no-wha, Colville; Charley, Sweip kan, San Poel and Dreamers; Qui too low, Colville; Sus sap kan, Okanagans.

IN COUNCIL AT SPOKANE FALLS
W. T., August 18th 1877.

We, the undersigned, chiefs and head men of the Spokane tribe of Indians for ourselves and our people, hereby agree to accept the following described land for our reservation: Beginning at the source of the Chinookan creek, in Washington Territory; thence down said creek to the Spokane river; thence down said river to the Columbia river; thence up the Columbia river to the mouth of Natchin creek; thence easterly to the place of beginning. And we do further agree to go upon the same by the 1st of November next, with the view of establishing our permanent home thereon, and engaging in agricultural pursuits. We hereby renew our friendly relations with the whites and promise to remain at peace with the government, and abide by all laws of the same, and obey the orders of the Indian bureau and the officers acting thereunder.

Names of witnesses—E. C. Watkins, U. S. Indian Inspector; Frank Wheaton, Bvt. Maj. General, U. S. Army, Col. 2d Infantry; M. C. Wilkinson, Bvt. Captain, U. S. Army, Aide de camp.

Whistle poot-sum, Spokane; Quise meow, Spokane; Ah-mi-meli-chin, Spokane; Costeasen, Spokane; Orapahen, Spokane; Paul, Orapahen.

SPOKANE FALLS, W. T.,
Aug. 18th 1877.

We hereby agree as chiefs and head men of the Palouse tribe of Indians, to go upon either the Coeur d'Alene or Spokane reservation by the 1st November 1877.

Names of witnesses.—E. C. Watkins, U. S. Indian Inspector; Frank Wheaton, Bvt. Maj. General, U. S. Army, Col. 2d Infantry; M. C. Wilkinson, Bvt. Captain, U. S. Army, Aide de camp.

Oyelse, Ta hua na tin.

SPOKANE FALLS, W. T.,
August 18th 1877.

We, the undersigned, of the Colville band of Pen d'Oreilles, hereby agree for ourselves and our people, to go upon the reservation set apart for the Colville and Spokane Indians or the Flat Head reservation, at such time as we may be ordered from the Indian office in Washington, D. C.

Names of witnesses.—E. C. Watkins, U. S. Indian Inspector, Frank Wheaton, Bt. Major Gen. U. S. Army, Colonel 2d Infantry; M. C. Wilkinson, Bt. Capt. U. S. Army, Aide de Camp, Victor, Semo.

Talks were made during the three days council by Inspector Watkins, Capt. Wilkinson, Gen. Wheaton, the Catholic priest, Father Cataldo, Rev. Mr. Cowley, and all the chiefs mentioned above, with but two or three exceptions. Good feeling and harmony char-

acterized the council, and the Indians expressed renewed friendship for the whites, promising to live in peace with them.

By common consent the Falls band of Spokanes were given until next spring to decide whether or not they will keep the farms they are now improving or go upon the Spokane reservation, as described.—*Oregonian*.

RETURNED.—El Whitman, John Havard and some others have returned from Howard's command. They left on the 28th of Aug. Howard was then near Henry's Lake. They report much dissatisfaction in the command, with Howard's method of pursuing the Indians. Many declaring that he does not want to fight them. All the Lewiston boys were well when Havard left, some of them are making money during their surplus time, by baking soft bread and selling it to the troops. Buffalo Horn of the Bunnicks became dissatisfied with Howard and left with his band, he was for fighting Joseph and his force in deal earnest, and told Howard he Howard did not want to fight him. Several amusing things are reported by these gentlemen, which occurred while they were with the command, which may do to print hereafter.

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